



### **Resolution 03-03**

#### **A Resolution of the Wrangell Public School Board Supporting Home Rule and First Class Municipalities to Form Single Site Boroughs**

**Whereas**, the framers of the Alaska constitutional provisions for boroughs clearly envisioned that single community boroughs might be formed; and

**Whereas**, the legislature, in enacting standards for boroughs, did not require two communities; and

**Whereas**, several single-site community boroughs are now in existence and are effectively delivering services; and

**Whereas**, the Alaska constitution clearly provides for a minimum of local government units and prevention of multiple tax levying jurisdictions;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Wrangell Public Schools supports and encourages the legislature to amend AS 29.05.060 to permit home rule and first class cities to initiate borough or unified municipalities without requiring the signatures provided for in subsection (7)(a) and (7)(b).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Wrangell Public Schools is strongly opposed to the recommended model borough boundary area of Wrangell-Petersburg for the following reasons:

1. The City of Wrangell is willing to expand its boundaries to include those adjacent areas for administration of land use regulations.

2. The residents of the Incorporated City of Wrangell currently pays the highest rate of sales tax of any Community in Alaska, of which 24% goes to support schools. The City of Wrangell has a mill rate of 10 mils and 36% collected by the City goes to support schools, including 95% of all timber receipts received by the Federal Government. In 2003 the City of Wrangell will contribute more than \$1,332,152 (which is slightly more than the maximum allowed by the Department of Education) to Wrangell Public Schools and amounts to \$577 (based on their population figures) annually for every man/woman/child in our Community. This does not include the several bond issues passed over the last few years to support our schools.
3. An additional layer of government imposed by a Wrangell-Petersburg Borough would add an additional burden of cost to its citizens. These costs would not result in better service nor reduced costs to the taxpayer or to the State of Alaska.

**ENACTED THIS 10th DAY OF February, 2003.  
Wrangell, Alaska**

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